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Increase in the Number of Passengers
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of passengers increases in trains during the summer vacations and the passengers are unable to get timely reservations and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in view of the current situation, the Government has made arrangements for additional trains and coaches;

(c) if so, the details of the additional facilities and services introduced in the west central railway-zone, Jabalpur; and

(d) whether in view of the large number of passengers, the Government is likely to introduce additional trains and coaches and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a): On Indian Railways, the demand pattern is not uniform throughout the year and it varies during the peak and lean seasons. The demand for travel surges especially during the peak season like during summer holidays, festivals etc. The overall occupancy of reserved trains during the month of May, 2015 and June, 2015 was more than 100%.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Six pairs of Summer special trains comprising 494 trips have been notified so far by West Central Railway (WCR) during the summer season to clear extra rush. Also, 18 pairs of trains have been augmented by releasing 35 coaches by WCR till now to clear rush of Simhastha Kumbh Mela and summer season.

(d): Running of special trains and attachment of additional coaches for clearance of extra passenger traffic during peak seasons like summer/ winter seasons, festivals, special events is an ongoing process over Indian Railways, keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources. Besides, details of Summer special trains are published in Summer Time-Table every year.

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